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HOWARD H. MACKEY SR. PAPERS

Collection 172-1 to 172-17

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Scope Note

The papers of Howard H. Mackey Sr. (1901-1987), architect and educator, span the period from 1925 to 1975, and measure approximately six linear feet. This collection documents Mackey's careers, both as a practicing architect and an architectural educator. In 1975 Mackey donated the papers to Moorland-Spingarn.

In 1924 Mackey joined the Architecture faculty at Howard University. Between 1930 and 1971 he also served as department head. In 1950, under Mackey's leadership, the department became the first predominantly black school of architecture to be accredited. Twenty years later, the department separated from the School of Engineering & Architecture, and became the School of Architecture and Planning. Reports, articles, and correspondence throughout the collection document the growth of architectural education at Howard.

Between 1954 and 1957 Mackey took a leave of absence to serve as an adviser to the governments of British Guiana and Surinam. While abroad, Mackey participated in the Aided-Self-Help Housing Program, teaching teams of local draftsmen architectural and planning techniques. The teams developed drawings for more than 4000 housing units. Mackey also served on the preparatory committee for the 1956 Conference on Town & Country Development Planning in Trinidad. Both these efforts are well-documented.

In addition to providing public service, Mackey built his

private architecture practice. He designed numerous homes, as well as churches and other public buildings. Mackey also oversaw Howard University's building expansion program of the early 1960s. The collection includes photographs and files documenting Mackey's works.

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Series B	Correspondence	
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Biographical Data

Howard H. Mackey Sr.

1901 25 November	Born in Philadelphia to Anna Wills and Henry Bardon Mackey
1924	Received Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania
1924	Appointed Instructor in Architecture, Howard University
1925	Married Matilda E. Kendricks; one son, Howard H. Jr.
1930-1932; 1934-1937	Served as Acting Dean, Department of Architecture, Howard University
1937	Received Master of Architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania
1937-1954; 1957-1970	Served as Head of Department of Architecture, Howard University
1954-1957	Worked as Housing and Planning Specialist (with the University of Maryland) to the governments of British Guiana and Surinam
1962	Elected to the College of Fellows by the American Institute of Architects
1970-1973	Served as Dean of the School of Architecture and City Planning, Howard University
1971	Appointed architectural consultant to the Central Office, U.S. General Services Administration
1987 20 August	Died of pneumonia in Silver Spring, Maryland

Source: Howard H. Mackey Sr. Papers, Box 172-1, "Biographical sketches"

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	19	"Architecture at Howard." Progressive Architecture 35(Jan. 1954): 167-188.
	20	"Can an Architect be Trained In 5 Years?" Slipstick 3(June 1950): 2, 7.
	21	"City and Regional Planning Education." 3 Feb. 1972
	22	"City Planning." 15 Feb. 1961
	23	"For What, Is Life?" Slipstick 3(June 1950): 3.
	24	"Historical, Portrait and Animal Painting of the Age of Louis XIV."
	25	"Housing in London and Paris."
	26	"The Iberian Peninsula and Its Architecture- Part I: Spain to 1500 A.D." Howard Engineer (Dec. 1965): 22-23, 35.
	27	"The Iberian Peninsula and Its Architecture-Part II: Portugal to 1500 A.D." Howard Engineer (Oct. 1966): 11, 26.
	28	"The Making of Architects and City Planners at Howard University." 6 Aug. 1968
	29	"New Housing in Paris Metropolitian [sic] Area." National Technical Association Journal (July 1963): 8, 13.
	30	Opening remarks at Howard University's Department of Architecture Awards Program 22 May 1968
	31	"Pre-Columbian Architecture of Mexico-Part I: Teotihaucan Toltec." Howard Engineer (March 1964): 16-17, 30.
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	5	"Training for Planning at Various Levels." Paper prepared for the Conference on Town and Country Development Planning 1956
	6	"Training in Architecture and Planning for Technicians in Developing Countries." Howard Engineer (May 1961): 4-5.
	7	"Training in Architecture and Planning for Technicians in Developing Countries." National Technical Association Journal 33(Feb. 1962): 12-13.
	8	"Training in Architecture and Planning for Technicians in Developing Countries." Potomac Valley Architect 5(March 1961): 1-2.
	9	"Training in Technology for New Frontiers of Peace: A Challenge to American Schools of Higher Learning."
	10	"Trends in the Architecture of the Protestant Church."
	11	Tribute to Addison E. Richmond 1968
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